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[FOR THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST.]

Philatelist's Note Book.

BY A COLLECTOR.

A note book is one of the aids to the study of stamps which should be in the hands of every collector.

A good book for the purpose can be obtained of any stationer for fifteen or twenty cents. Having obtained your book, the next thing to do is to find your notes. These will soon come to you in large numbers; almost every philatelic paper will contain two or three paragraphs, and occasionally a newspaper will contain one of interest, which could not easily be committed to memory, but could, in a short time, be transferred to the pages of the book. In this manner you will have in a few months, a collection of facts which will be of value to you. Another good plan is to have a scrap book in which to place clippings from the papers, but I think the note book is to be preferred, as most of us do not care to cut our papers to obtain a short note, while we may, perhaps, injure a fine article which is printed on the other side of the paper.

And right here let me say to all Philatelists, preserve your papers and complete your files as soon as possible, as the demand for old copies is fast growing, and many Philatelists are making collections of stamp papers, which, in future years, will be of value to philately.

In closing this somewhat rambling discourse, I will give a few notes copied from the first two pages of my note book.

1. "The postal card was invented in 1869, by Dr. Emanuel Hermann, of Vienna. They were first used in Austria, October 1, 1869. They were used in Hungary November 1st, of the same year, and in Germany July 1st, 1870. They were first used in the United States May 1st, 1873."

2. "The first Unpaid Letter Stamps were issued and used in France in 1859. Italy, Bavaria and Turkey followed in 1863. Six other countries used them before the United States issued them in 1879."

3. "The first issue of Bergedorf stamps appeared in November, 1861, and were in use but eleven days. The rare and common stamps of this country are all from the same dies."

Of course, the notes could be lengthened as new facts are discovered, so that, in a short time, the owner would have a really valuable reference book.

The above paragraphs will give some idea of what I mean by the note book, and if each reader of this article would prepare a note book, he would not regret in after years, that he had spent a few of his leisure hours in this occupation.

[FOR THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST.]

Stamps of the Orange Free State.

BY L. C. JAMES.

Soon after Natal became a British colony, the Dutch Boers withdrew from that place and formed a Republic known as the Orange River Free State. They established themselves in the country lying between the two great branches of the Orange River. It comprises an area of some 60,000 square miles. The population is estimated to be 50,000 whites, and 25,000 colored inhabitants.

This Republic issued its first series of stamps in 1868; the set consisting of three, the design plain and neat, color on white, perforated, three post horns with orange tree above on lineal back ground, enclosed by a marginal border, bearing the inscriptions, "Orange," at left; "Vrig," above; "Staat" at right and value below. The colors and values are as follows: one penny, brown; sixpence, rose; and one shilling, orange.

In 1877, the government deeming the denomination of a fourpence necessary, the sixpence rose was surcharged fourpence. This is the first surcharge we have from this country.

In 1878, the fourpence appears in blue; also a new value, that of five shillings, green, both being of the same design as the first issue.

The Republic having commenced to disfigure its stamps by surcharging, could not discontinue the practice, it seems as in 1881 there appears another surcharge; this time it is one penny on five shillings, green.

In 1882 there appear two more surcharges, one-half penny on five shillings, green, and three pence on fourpence, blue.

The next series was issued in 1883, bearing the same design as the first series, their values and colors being: One half-penny, red brown; one penny, white; two pence, violet, and three pence, blue.

This makes a total of 13 varieties, exclusive of the five revenues used as postage in 1882. The values and colors of these stamps are six shillings, blue; one shilling, brown violet; ten shillings, olive; four pounds, carmine, and five pounds, green. In all there were 18 varieties issued by this Republic.

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Editorial Chat.

OUR LARGE PAPER.

For the first time in its history, THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST has broken a promise, and that is, in sending out 3,500 copies of a twelve page paper, instead of 10,000 copies of one twice the size, as advertised. The cause of it was, however, the change of ownership. It is said that the anticipation of a pleasure is greater than the pleasure itself, but we will see how much truth there is in it. Our November paper will contain not less than 20 pages of the most interesting reading matter which has ever been published, and we will mail 10,000 copies of the same all over the world, with the hope of adding 1,000 new subscribers to our already large list. Now is the time to subscribe, so as to get a copy of that elegant paper and a Confederate Stamp, which will be sent immediately if a 2 cent stamp is enclosed to pay postage. Notice our change of address.

ENTERPRISE.

The October number of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, which reached us just before going to press, was, undoubtedly, the finest paper of the kind ever printed. It consists of over 100 pages finely illustrated with portraits of C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel and I. A. Mekeel, of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co.; a full page portrait of Mr. Aug. DeJonge, President of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, and pictures of the various departments of their enormous business.

This paper was gotten out at a great expense to the publishers, but it goes to show what an enterprising company it is.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

As anticipated in the last number of THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST, there has been a great deal of kicking done in regard to the recent act of a few members of the Association in abolishing the *American Philatelist* and substituting the *Metropolitan Philatelist* therefor. From all parts of the country come expressions of disapproval, and every Philatelic paper, except the *Metropolitan*, is highly displeased at the matter, although from present appearances, it seems as though the Association will soon again be the proud owner of its own official organ, as is proper.

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A number of subscriptions expire this month, and we respectfully request that they be renewed at once. A cross opposite this notice signifies that yours is among the number.

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ADVERTISING.

We desire to call the attention of advertisers to the fact that we will mail 10,000 copies of our November paper to collectors living in all parts of the world. Also, to our low advertising rates, on the second page of cover. Other papers charge double rates for double circulation, but we only charge regular rates for nearly triple circulation. If you are in doubt as to whether it will pay you, read this. When this paper started, Mr. Henry Gremmel, of New York city, gave us a two inch adv. to run six months. At the expiration of his contract, he made another for 4 inches, to run six months, but after adv. had been inserted only three times, he sent us one for ½ page, one year. No testimonial accompanied the advertisement, but page twelve proves the truth of our little story. One very noticeable thing is that our advertising patronage is steadily increasing, so it must pay. To secure a good position in next month's paper, advertisements should be sent in at once.

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[FOR THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST.]

Playing Card Stamps.

BY A. F. H.

These stamps are very interesting to collect, and form a very beautiful collection, being of such a variety of designs and diversity of color. They are as follows:

General series issued by the government for private parties, A. Dougherty, two-cent, orange; four-cent, black; five-cent, blue (large die); five-cent, blue (small die), and ten-cent, blue; Eagle Card Co., five-cent, black; Chas. Goodall, five-cent, black; Samuel Hart & Co., five-cent, black; Lawrence & Cohen, two-cent, blue, and five-cent, green; Jno. J. Levy, five-cent, black; Victor E. Manger & Petrie, five-cent, blue; New York Consolidated Card Co., five-cent, black; Paper Fabrique Co., five-cent, black; Russell, Morgan & Co., five-cent, black.

These stamps are found printed on paper of old manufacture, silk thread paper, experimental pink paper of 1878 and water-marked paper. Some are also found on several varieties of these papers, such as old silk and pink, or silk, pink and water-marked paper. There was a stamp printed for Caterson, Brantz & Co., but was never delivered to them for use, and is, accordingly, very scarce. It is printed in brown and bears the value of five cents. The water-marked varieties contain the water-mark U. S. I. R., but it can only be seen on large sheets of stamps.

An interesting branch is the surcharged first series of Document, and the second series of Proprietary, which have the names or initials of the firms using them printed over the face of the stamps. There is still another branch, the proofs printed from the original plates, as specimens, before the stamps were delivered to the firms for which they were intended. These are very few, the following being all that I can find any record of: A. Dougherty, four-cent, black; five-cent, blue; and ten-cent blue; Goodall & Co., five-cent, blue; and five-cent orange; Jno.

J. Levy, five-cent, black; Lawrence & Cohen, two-cent, blue, five-cent, green, and four-cent, green. The latter is a late discovery and is considered very scarce.

These stamps are not generally collected on account of the objections some collectors have to them, claiming that they should not be classed as stamps, but principally on account of their scarcity and expensiveness, there being only a limited number, and, in some cases, only one. As a rule, they are fine impressions, being struck off as specimens.

The Southern Stamp and Publishing Co.

The work attending the publication of THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST having become so heavy in the last few months, that it could not be attended to properly in the spare time of the publishers, and the stamp business of Mr. I. B. Cohen having also grown too large for him, a Stock Company has been formed, which has bought out the above, and in addition, a story paper, called *Sea Side Thoughts*, which it will continue to publish.

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Now, a word about what the Company intends doing.

THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST will be enlarged and greatly improved, although the subscription price will remain the same.

A large stock of foreign and U. S. stamps, stamp albums and other philatelic goods has been purchased, but Confederate stamps will be the specialty, having already the largest stock in the world, and by constant advertiiing all over the South, they can be sold at wholesale and retail cheaper by this Company than any other. Foreign stamps will be sent on approval, to all parties sending first-class reference or deposit, and also sold in packets. *Sea Side Thoughts* is a monthly story-paper for everybody, the subscription price of which is only fifty cents a year.

The business is under the personal management of the Secretary and Treasurer who devotes his entire time to the same, and the Company's office is at No. 25 Broad street, less than one block from the post office.

The Charleston Philatelic Society.

For the past few months, very little has been done by this Society on account of absence from the city of several members and extreme hot weather. The meetings have been poorly at-

tended, and very little business transacted at them. However, everything is beginning to look brighter now, and it is hoped that the Society will make itself worthy of the name it bears. The membership is at present rather small, but the opening of the philatelic emporium by the Southern Stamp and Publishing Co. will doubtless infuse new life into many ex-collectors, and before very long it will be doubled.

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Items of Interest.

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The new 50 centime stamp of France has been surcharged "two piastres" for use in the Levant.

The *Nebraska Stamp News* has gone under, the publisher not having sufficient time to devote to it.

The American Bank Note Co. has destroyed the plates of the Honduras stamps of 1878.

The 1, 2 and 3 dollar inland revenue stamps of British Guiana has been surcharged "One Cent," in red ink.

Washington, D. C., will soon have another Philatelic paper, Mr. S. C. Chandler, who will publish it, will call it the *Stamp Collector's Magazine.*

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The letter recently sent by a committee of the A. P. A., to the Finance Committee of the Senate, relating to Customs Duties on Postage Stamps, has been carefully filed for future reference, and no action taken by the Senate.

An entirely new set of newspaper stamps has been issued by Brazil, the values and colors of which are as follows: 10r, pale blue; 20, green; 50, olive green; 100, carmine; 200, violet; 300, blue; 500, red; 700, violet; 1,000, yellow.

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